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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON FEBRUARY 21 MEETING (SALT TWO-526)

1. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT IN PLENARY TODAY ON VERIFICATION KEYED TO ARTICLE XV IN THEIR DRAFT AND OUR SUBSEQUENT EXTENDED PRIVATE CONVERSATION SERVED DIRECTLY AND SHARPLY TO JOIN THE ISSUE OF MIRV VERIFICATION. IN BRIEF HE TOOK CATEGORICAL POSITION THAT THEIR ARTICLE XV WAS ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED AND THAT EFFORTS ON OUR PART TO DEVELOP "SOME SORT OF COMPLICATING ELEMENTS IN THE FORM OF SOME SORT OF ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS OR DEFINITIONS" COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. SUCH EFFORTS ON OUR PART WERE DIRECTED AT OBTAINING UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE AND PREJUDICING SOVIET ABILITY TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF ITS FORCES UNDER PARA 2A AND 2B OF AIDE-MEMOIRE.

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION I OF COURSE COUNTERED STRONGLY, POINTING TO THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MIRV VERIFICATION AND, THAT SIMPLY TO SAY THAT QUESTIONS WE HAD RAISED WERE NOT PERTINENT, WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I STRONGLY URGED THAT THEY RE-CONSIDER THEIR POSITION AND WE RESUME DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING. I SAID THAT I WOULD MAKE STATEMENT AT PLENARY RESPONDING TO HIS STATEMENT TODAY AND WOULD FOLLOW UP IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.

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3. SHCHUKIN STRONGLY FOLLOWED UP ON SAME THEME IN BILATERAL WITH MAY, BEING EXPLICIT IN POSITION THAT SEMENOV HAD IMPLIED TO ME, THAT IS THAT USING "ALL NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS" EXPERTS COULD, OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, IDENTIFY SOVIET MIRV DEPLOYMENT FROM THE "MANY INDICES" THAT WOULD BECOME EVIDENT, SUCH AS BUILDINGS AND PROCEDURES. HE SAID THAT US WOULD HAVE TO SOLVE OWN PROBLEM, THEY WERE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THEIR OWN NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS FOR VERIFICATION OF AGREEMENT.

4. THE STATEMENTS BY MYSELF AND GENERAL ROWNY AT PLENARY TODAY, KEYED TO TRUSOV'S STATEMENT AT LAST MEETING, REPEATED AND AMPLIFIED OUR POSITION ON HEAVY ICBM DEFINITION AND BACKFIRE, AND REPEATED OUR POSITION ON ASMS. ROWNY FOLLOWED UP IN BILATERAL WITH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY, AND WHILE TRUSOV AND BELETSKY CHALLENGED OUR POSITION, ROWNY'S EFFORTS TO ELICIT SPECIFICS FROM THEM ON BACKFIRE WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

5. NEXT MEETING FEB. 26.  
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